



March 7, 2023

Testimony in Opposition of S.B. No. 1197 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Chairmen and Members of the Education Committee,

The CT Republican Assembly is an organization which has members and friends totalling over 500 Republicans and conservatives across the eight counties of Connecticut. We stand firm in our principles and unalienable Rights under the US Constitution, as well as the Rights and responsibilities within the Connecticut Constitution. I am Anne Manusky, a resident of Connecticut for 25 years, former Licensed Professional Counselor, and current President of the CT Republican Assembly.

In a past lifetime my work for a DC Education concern provided me the eye-opening to the [What Work Requires For Schools, The Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills, SCANS Report, 1991.](#)

US Dept of Labor. This is not about improving education for our children.

There is great value in vocational education, this bill would be intrusive to have as a law for para and other pre- programs for young children. Specified vocational- technical programs are provided in the Vocational Technical school systems throughout Connecticut. The enhancement of one program should be organically modified.

If only Connecticut public education wasn't in the sewer, it wouldn't be as tough of a view. When Johnny and Maria cannot read in 6th grade, or do math because of the state ED Committee statutes, created with CAFE and CAPPS, something in the Department of Education's recommendations would find improvement, but it's not so. In reading this bill, there was no mention in changing [Common Core](#), [CRT](#), [Social Emotional Learning](#) or [Comprehensive Sexuality Education](#) all which exist in some form or another under the State Department of Education promotions in state statutes and Department Policies.

The Healthy and Balanced Living Framework, which was [exposed for the gender push](#) would be brought into a new light and revised. None of this has been brought forward to remediate education.

How can they continue into a vocational program?

There is widespread concern in regard to public education in Connecticut. It is unfortunate that Connecticut public schools enrollment has been in a downward spiral for the last 10 years, and that the Secretary and State Board, CAFE and CAPSS as well as the teachers unions continue to ignore this fact, brought forward by the people; many people have addressed this over the past 10 years. Elephant in the living room.

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I will continue to be hopeful that parents who see what is being done to their children will continue to withdraw their children for private, parochial, PEA's and home schooling due to the dismal state of Connecticut education--since no positive recommendations exist, but until then, bills such as these need to be NO votes.

Vote No. Remove Connecticut from its bottom place in education in the nation.

Sincerely,

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President